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A look around the seaside village's Sea Around Us **B1**

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**"FIRE! FIRE! THE BUTANE'S GONNA EXPLODE!"** cried occupants of this hah lab-van as it burst into flames in May, 2013.

ARCATA EYE FILE PHOTO

## Bad news for hash labbers

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
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ARCATA – Seeking to reduce the number of butane-fueled explosions around town, the Arcata City Council is clamping down on sales of the explosive gas. Last week, the council heard about its uses and dangers, and introduced an ordinance to regulate the sale, purchase and possession of butane.

Arcata's ordinance is similar to other ones enacted in other California towns, including Eureka. No state

law exists to regulate butane sales. Voter-approved Prop. 64, which legalized cannabis use for recreational purposes, doesn't cover chemical extraction of THC from cannabis. It could be legal for industrial use in Arcata's Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone, but no applications have been submitted for butane hash oil extraction.

Butane is a solvent commonly used to extract THC from cannabis in the manufacture of hash oil, commonly known as "honey oil" or "BHO." It

can be used safely under controlled conditions, though many users don't take proper precautions, resulting in injuries and property damage. The used canisters are often improperly discarded.

A presentation by Arcata Police Officer Richard Bergstresser, who serves on the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, detailed the common misuse and dangers of butane in hash oil extraction, offering a chemistry lesson followed by graphic photos of sloppy **BUTANE ❖ A2**

### ❖ IN THE ERA OF TRUMP

## Council reasserts progressive values

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ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week adopted a resolution reaffirming the city's commitment to "values of community, inclusivity, environmental protection and respect."

The resolution springs from the November election of Donald J. Trump, whose campaign rhetoric runs counter to some basic moral assumptions under which Arcata forms policy.



**Mark Wheelley**

"There is a lot of angst about the changeover in the federal administration," noted City Councilmember Mark Wheelley. The resolution gives notice that Arcata will stick to its values, come what may from the Trump Administration.

Former City Councilmember and local progressive leader Dave Meserve offered a number of revisions to the draft resolution. He said immigrants, being most vulnerable, require stronger protection and more forceful language. He asked that Arcata consider becoming a "sanctuary city" to stand with others so self-designated.

McKinleyville resident Linda Evans said it's important to show support for the citizens most vulnerable to possible attacks on their rights and dignity.

Frequent meeting-goer Kent Sawatsky cautioned that sanctuary cityhood could result in defunding by the federal government.

Councilmember Paul Pitino supported the sanctuary city mention, but had questions about wording regarding the criminal activity of immigrants. Staff then discussed

ARCATA ❖ A2



**BABY NEW YEAR!** Arcata's first baby of 2017 took her time coming into the world, all 7 pounds, 9 ounces of her arriving at 10:44 p.m. on New Year's Day. Kouslaa Ixchel Mata was born to David and Talisa Mata in Mad River Community Hospital's Trillium Birth Center. The Eureka family received a gift basket filled with items donated by Bubbles, Mad River Community Hospital Volunteers, Theresa Gonzales, Jodi DiMinno, the Mad River Union, Toni's Restaurant, Wildberries Marketplace, Arcata Scoop, the Redwood Empire Quilting Guild, Arcata Exchange and the Arcata School of Massage.

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### ❖ CYBER THEFT

## Hackers plunder Manila accounts

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – Computer hackers infiltrated the bank accounts of the Manila Community Services District last month and stole \$37,507.

The district reported the cyber fraud to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 23 after it discovered the money missing from two accounts it has with Wells Fargo, according to district Manager Chris Drop.

The hackers made their way into the Wells Fargo computer system, withdrawing \$18,199 from the district's enterprise account (sewer and water), and \$19,308 from its nonenterprise account (general fund and operations.)

The district contacted the bank, and it is likely that Wells Fargo will reimburse the district for the losses, according to Drop.

It appears that the scammers first starting gaming the accounts on about Dec. 9, when someone deposited 42 cents in a bank account, then withdrew the same amount. Over the next couple of weeks, several major transfers took place.

The transfers were accomplished using half a dozen different names. Drop said that law enforcement is investigating the fraud, and the FBI may get involved.

When the fraud was discovered, the district closed the two accounts and opened new ones. Because of this, the district stopped accepting credit card payments from its sewer and water customers effective Dec. 23. Drop said he expected the district to be able to accept credit cards early this week.

Drop said that no district customer information was compromised in the hack.

## Ant invasion, 'hash lab' flagged by airport committee

**Daniel Mintz**

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – The threat of invasive ant colonies and a proposed industrial-scale marijuana manufacturing facility near Humboldt County's main airport have been highlighted in an annual presentation from a county airport committee.

At the Jan. 3 Board of Supervisors meeting, Humboldt County's Aviation Advisory Committee gave an annual report that

flagged two concerns.

An area of the California Redwood Coast – Humboldt County Airport's long-term parking lot has been affected by swarms of Argentine ants. They have gotten into parked vehicles, particularly those with food left in them, and the county's Department of Public Works has closed the affected area.

Supervisors were told that a pest control company is working on eradicating the ant

colonies. Supervisor Estelle Fennell suggested that the bases of nearby trees are the likely sources of the ant nests.

Jeff Dolf, the county's agricultural commissioner, agreed and said that the pest control company identified three large nests at the bases of trees and is "active in digging those out and also in treating those."

Removal of vegetation will be done if necessary, Dolf continued.

"It's an Argentine ant and they can be very, very difficult to treat and some persistence is warranted," he said, adding that he is "confident" that the pest control treatments will be effective.

Supervisor Virginia Bass said the problem has been complicated by people moving the cones that mark the area where the infestations are occurring in order to park there.

Another issue on the airport committee was **AIRPORT ❖ A2**

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**STRIKE ENDS** The crabbing strike ended Saturday, after fishermen and buyers reached a price agreement of \$2.875 per pound of the Dungeness delicacy. But due to weather conditions, Humboldt Bay crabbers who plan to pull pots south of the bay entrance have a “gentlemen’s agreement” to wait until Thursday before heading out. PHOTO BY KIM DURHAM

## Butane | Careless go boom

❖ **FROM A1**

hash labs, some of them after they’ve blown up.

Bergstresser said hash lab operators are often careless in use of butane, which expands 288 times on going from liquid to gas. Even those who equip themselves with expensive pieces of butane/cannabis processing apparatus often don’t use them properly.

Odorless and invisible, butane sinks to the floor of enclosed spaces and saturates the clothing of those in the room. On ignition, it causes terrible burns.

A council staff report by City Attorney Nancy Diamond notes that injuries from hash-related butane explosions account for 8 to 10 percent of severe burn cases – more than car wrecks and house fires combined.

Bergstresser showed photos of some of the residential lab explosions, which caused significant damage and put neighbors at risk.

A staff report included data on butane-related incidents in Arcata and McKinleyville. The first one listed occurred at an L.K. Wood Boulevard apartment building in 2005, and caused \$150,000 in damage plus \$17,534 in fire suppression costs. Butane explosions weren’t closely tracked by Arcata Fire until 2013. The last three years have seen two incidents each, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage and “significant burns” to victims.

Diamond said the ordinance is a “first step,” and likened it to previous regulations implemented to restrict sales of pseudophederine, used in manufacture of methamphetamine. She noted that butane will still be available online, but suggested that sales to certain ZIP codes might be restricted later. Diamond said she would look into it.

Ordinance No. 1480 restricts butane sales to any single individual to 600 milliliters – about two cans per month – with purchasers’ names and addresses recorded. State-licensed professional users are exempted. Stores also have to keep butane canisters out of reach and can’t sell it to minors. An amendment added at the council meeting requires butane sellers to post a sign detailing the new sales restrictions.

City Manager Karen Diemer said the city met with some local butane sellers in November, though the city is always finding more. The ordinance was adjusted to reflect input from that meeting.

Councilmember Paul Pitino asked that the required sales records be collected from sellers after six months in order to ensure that the sales are being tracked. Councilmember Michael Winkler asked that retail sales be correlated with the sellers’ wholesale purchases to make sure that sales aren’t occurring without being recorded. Diamond said she would bring back language for a possible amendment that would verify compliance.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS			
GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
<b>Arcata City Council</b> Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	<a href="http://cityofarcata.org">cityofarcata.org</a>
<b>Blue Lake City Council</b> Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Bldg behind City Hall	<a href="http://bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas">bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation &amp; Conservation District</b> Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	<a href="http://humboldtby.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice">humboldtby.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD)</b> Meets second Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	<a href="http://hbmwd.com/meetings">hbmwd.com/meetings</a>
<b>Humboldt County Board of Supervisors</b> Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	<a href="http://humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>
<b>Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD)</b> Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	<a href="http://manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm">manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm</a>
<b>McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSd)</b> Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	<a href="http://mckinleyvillecsd.com">mckinleyvillecsd.com</a>
<b>McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC)</b> Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	<a href="http://humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ">humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ</a>
<b>Trinidad City Council</b> Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	<a href="http://trinidad.ca.gov">trinidad.ca.gov</a>

**TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL** The Trinidad City Council has canceled its meeting that was scheduled for today, Jan. 11. The next council meeting will be on **Wednesday, Jan. 25** at 6 p.m. The council meets at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St.

**ARCATA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** The Arcata Parks and Recreation Committee will discuss recreation fees when its meets **today, Jan. 11** starting at 6 p.m. in the Arcata Council Chambers, 736 F St. The committee will also get an update on a proposal to build a futsal court near the Arcata Community Center and a proposal to upgrade Greenview Park.

**ARCATA FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** The Arca-



ta Forest Management Committee will discuss a carbon transaction report when it meets **Thursday, Jan. 12** starting at 7 a.m. in the Arcata Council Chambers, 736 F St. The committee will also schedule a post-harvest inspection field trip and hear various reports.

**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMITTEE** Arcata’s Historic Landmarks Committee will get a tour of the Humboldt Room at the Humboldt State University Library when it meets there on **Thursday, Jan. 12** at 4 p.m. A special collections librarian will give the committee an introduction to the Humboldt Room and its resources. The committee will then begin researching historical documents pertaining to the Old Arcata Road area through Bayside as well as the interior “park” portion of the Arcata Plaza.

## Women’s groups respond to Trump inauguration

**MAD RIVER UNION**

**HUMBOLDT** – Women’s groups have organized two evens on the day of and the day following the inauguration of President-elect Donald J. Trump.

**Silent vigil on the Arcata Plaza**

On Friday, Jan. 20 from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Women in Black, invite all to stand in silent vigil on the Arcata Plaza with Citizens In Black.

According to an email, the gathering is intended “to show our strong noncompliance with any and all injustice meted upon any American citizens and immigrants, and strong noncompliance with any and all injury made to our earth.”

**Eureka Women’s March**

On Saturday, Jan. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m., Eureka holds its own Women’s

March, beginning at 840 E St. and proceeding down E Street, ending at the Humboldt County Courthouse with a rally.

According to a press release, the Women’s March on Eureka sprang up organically as a result of the recent election. Once a march was planned in Washington D.C., local women “wanted to extend the opportunity to women who would not be able to travel to take part in this history-making demonstration.”

Local women will be marching with thousands of other individuals worldwide, with hundreds of other coordinated marches.

“We hope to send a bold message to the new national and state administrations on their first day of office that women are not to be ignored,”

said Tia Baratelle, organizer for the march. “We will stand together for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health and our families.”

The negative rhetoric and outcomes of the recent elections caused uncertainty and fear in women, immigrants, minorities, those with diverse religious convictions, LGBTQIA individuals, those with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, and survivors of sexual assault, said organizers.

AFSCME Local 1684, the largest union in Humboldt County representing more than 1,100 county employees, is sponsoring the event by providing financial support and outreach for participants.

For more information on the march, rally and volunteer fair, visit [facebook.com/events/127508287738657/](https://facebook.com/events/127508287738657/).

## Arcata | Debate over making Arcata a ‘sanctuary city’

❖ **FROM A1**

criteria for police detention of individuals for crimes apart from their immigration status.

After further discussion about the immigration aspect of the document, Wheelley suggested that a breakout session might be held to delve into those matters. He said the resolution didn’t need to include excessive detail on immigration matters, but to set basic principles of equal access to law enforcement and municipal services.

“This resolution is much broader than the immigration component,” he said, mentioning climate change, homelessness “on a whole multitude of other issues that I think reflect what is at the core values of Arcata. That’s what we don’t want to lose in this.”

Pitino sought language that would not “inordinately protect” visiting cannabis trimmers or “trimmigrants.”

Councilmember Michael Winkler said the core problem is “scapegoating” of immigrants by the feds. He opposes using local police being in lockstep with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and said that the sanctuary city designation attempts to pre-empt federal law.

Mayor Susan Ornelas said the statement of values is

a “good exercise,” and that the election outcome didn’t change the values of Arcatans. Adding too much detail about specific groups runs the risk of leaving someone out, she said.

Meserve, along with other speakers, objected to the deletion of the sanctuary city language. He mentioned a host of cities that have endorsed the concept, and need support.

Wheelley suggested a two-part approach, adopting the resolution without the sanctuary language, but pledging to consider that designation in the future. Winkler agreed, but Pitino said not including the sanctuary commitment was unnecessary and watered down the document.

Ornelas said there had not been adequate discussion of the topic. Wheelley noted that Humboldt State students are not in town, and would be vital to an inclusive discussion of the matter. Councilmember Sofia Pereira said the sanctuary city issue is a powerful one, and important to many. Ornelas and Winkler also expressed concern for freedom of the press.

The council then adopted Wheelley’s two-part resolution, which can be read at [madriverrunion.com](http://madriverrunion.com).

## Airport | Concerns about McK hash lab

❖ **FROM A1**

tee’s radar is the Hoooven Construction Company’s permit application to set up a wholesale marijuana manufacturing facility at its yard and office complex on Central Avenue near the McKinleyville-based main airport.

Referring to the planned facility as a “hash lab,” Dominic Bucciarelli, the committee’s vice chair and U.S. Coast Guard representative, said the risk of an explosion is a concern.

“Obviously, sensitive airport systems are right there, right where that industry will be,” he said. “It’s something we believe needs to be monitored in the future, especially with the magnitude of what that could cause, if they have an issue at that facility.”

Adding that “we’re not in the business of telling people that they can’t have a business,” Bucciarelli described the proposed manufacturing facility as “a liability that we want to make sure the board knows about.” Supervisor Rex Bohn differentiated a regulated facility from unsafe make-shift labs.

“This isn’t a bunch of kids in the back room of a house – these are certified systems,” he said, adding that the proposal might not involve the feared risks.

Bohn told Bucciarelli that if the facility is approved, it will meet all coun-

ty codes “much like your fuel tanks, which are a heck of a lot closer than this is and would create a lot more of a problem – if you did not have all the regulatory restraints in place.”

The split between federal and state marijuana laws is also a factor. Bucciarelli had said that “as a federal employee, my supervisors have also voiced concerns recently.”

“I do appreciate the nuance in terms of the federal interface with this issue and I think we need to be very mindful of that in the coming year,” said Fennell.

Supervior Ryan Sundberg noted that the marijuana manufacturing proposal has yet to gain permits and will go before the county’s Planning Commission for public review.

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❖ MCKINLEYVILLE

# Town board affirms solar quest

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – Nearly a decade ago, when former Director Jeff Dunk tried to get the McKinleyville Community Services District to embrace solar power, the idea went down in flames. Both district management and Dunk’s fellow directors shot down the idea as being financially unfeasible.

But now, after hundreds of thousands of dollars of electricity bills since the idea was initially floated, the district’s board and management have done a complete about-face.

At its Jan. 4 meeting, the board agreed to amend the district’s five-year Strategic Plan to include a solar energy systems to power all the district’s facilities, if feasible.

Director John Corbett suggested the additions to the Strategic Plan, with language calling for district staff “to develop, as soon as possible, but no later than five years, a comprehensive solar plan to prop-

erly power all the district’s needs.”

The plan would detail all the solar components, include steps of implementing the plan and would incorporate detailed feasibility studies.

The solar panels would be placed at sewer and water facilities, as well as at parks and on district buildings.

Corbett said he wanted district staff to have clear direction on the board’s priorities. Although the plan is flexible and gives staff five years to complete the projects, Corbett said he would be disappointed if it took that long.

“I think it’s achievable,” said District Manager Greg Orsini.

Director George Wheeler, who ran for his seat with the promise of pushing for solar, told the board “I’m shocked and pleased and ready to vote.”

The agenda item was for discussion only, so no vote was necessary, but all directors in attendance were in support of the solar proposal.

# Who would enforce smoking rules?

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Community Services District has the authority to ban smoking in the town’s parks and outside district buildings, but it is uncertain who would actually enforce such a rule.

The issue was briefly discussed at the Jan. 4 meeting of the district’s Board of Directors after resident Chad Sefcik asked about the district’s ability to ban smoking at its parks.

District Manager Greg Orsini explained that the district can ban smoking on its properties, but not on streets or other facilities not under its jurisdiction. To ban smoking at district parks, the district would need to create an ordinance, which would ultimately have to be approved by the Board of Directors.

The big question, though, is who would enforce such a ban?

Orsini said it wasn’t clear whether district staff or Sheriff’s deputies would be responsible for enforcement.

Since the issue was brought up under the public comment portion of the meeting and was not on the agenda, the board limited its discussion on the matter.

Board President Dennis Mayo said that if people are interested in the district pursuing a smoking ordinance, the issue would need to be placed on a future agenda and there would need to be a “far-reaching discussion.”

Such an ordinance may be unnecessary if the County of Humboldt pursues its own smoking ordinance, which would cover unincorporated areas of the

county including McKinleyville.

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee, which advises the county Board of Supervisors, is scheduled to discuss the county’s proposed smoking ordinance at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.

These meetings are typically held at the Azalea Conference Center, located behind McKinleyville Middle School at Central Avenue and Railroad Drive. However, if a larger audience is expected, the meeting may be held at the other “azalea” venue, Azalea Hall, at Pierson Park. Those who want to attend should check the agenda at [humboldt.gov.org/AgendaCenter](http://humboldt.gov.org/AgendaCenter) before going.

A smoking ordinance would include all smokable items, including tobacco, marijuana and cigarettes.

# Effort to track marijuana, protect brand

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The importance of tracking and branding Humboldt County’s commercially-produced marijuana is being emphasized as the Board of Supervisors solicits proposals to transition a pilot program into formal operation.

The status of the county’s track-and-trace pilot program for medical marijuana was updated at the Jan. 3 supervisors meeting. County Agricultural Commissioner Jeff Dolf said tracking and tracing through product stamps is key to future compliance with state licensing that will go into effect next year.

It’s also critical to ensure that marijuana is not being diverted into the black market or used to fund criminal activities, Dolf continued. Those concerns have figured prominently in the federal government’s treatment of California’s marijuana production; Dolf emphasized the importance of continuing to address them as a new federal administration takes office.

Declaring the origin of marijuana products is another aspect of track-and-trace. The economic value of the Humboldt name was highlighted by Supervisor Rex Bohn.

“I’d like to make sure that just like we support grass-fed beef or anything that’s pertinent to our county and what we raise, that it’s not hijacked from us,” he said. “We’ve already seen that happen – the big boys and the big money’s showing up trying to capitalize on our name and I think we’ve got to be careful of that.”

County Counsel Jeffrey Blanck noted that state law requires that place of origin be identified for all marijuana products.

The county’s experimental track-and-trace program includes 11 cultivators, two distributors, three manufacturers and seven dispensaries. Dolf said that over 1,100 pounds of marijuana has been tracked through the program as of mid-December.

He also told supervisors that the county’s program focuses on batch and lot tracking versus the individual plant-tagging that is required by state law

– and considered burdensome by those involved in the industry.

Dolf said the batch-and-lot approach intends to “demonstrate to the State of California that batch-and-lot is a viable alternative to plant tagging.”

He added that product stamps will “create the Humboldt branding” in addition to defining origin and characteristics of all marijuana sold to consumers.

Supervisors were asked to authorize the release of Requests for Proposals for solicitation of offers from vendors to manage an official track-and-trace program. An international company, SICPA, is managing the pilot program at no cost to the county and will be a leading candidate.

Asked about how user-friendly the pilot program is, Scott Davies, a participant in it, vouched for SICPA’s effectiveness.

“In SICPA, we’ve had partners who are very supportive, very easy to reach and very focused on working with us to make this project work,” he said.

Davies added that “the same has not been true” with BioTrackTHC, a vendor working with the City of Arcata.

“That’s an opinion that I’ve heard echoed by others, it’s set up in a completely different way and doesn’t have that collaborative feeling – there’s not that support available,” he said.

Several cultivators who spoke during a public comment session agreed.

Dolf said he would meet with representatives of the cities of Arcata and Eureka to discuss how to mesh and county and municipal approaches.

The track-and-trace program will also accommodate the Humboldt artisanal branding that is detailed in the county’s commercial medical marijuana ordinance. Those permits will be reserved for organic, sunshine-lit grows of 3,000 square feet or less.

The pilot project began last summer and has been extended to late February. Supervisors unanimously voted to authorize Dolf to issue RFPs for the program’s official implementation.

# Humboldt homeless count postponed

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
HUMBOLDT – This year’s Point-in-Time homeless count has been postponed by one month as recruitment for volunteers continues. Originally scheduled for the end of January, the count will now take place in the early-morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 28.

“Pushing the date back gives us time to recruit more volunteers, including students from Humboldt State University and College of the Redwoods who have

been very helpful with the counts in years past,” said Sally Hewitt, Department of Health & Human Services senior program manager and co-chair of the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition. “Participating in the count is also a great opportunity for students looking to volunteer and get some experience doing outreach to the homeless community.”

Volunteers attend training so they are ready to assist in the biennial count, which is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Information gathered during the count is used by local planners and nonprofit agencies in applications for grant funding.

At the end of the year, HUD awarded participating Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition agencies a total of \$822,933 in homeless assistance funds for use in 2017.

For more information about the count or to volunteer, contact DHHS Secretary Wendy Choate at (707) 441-5520. Information is also available at the coalition’s website, [humboldthousing.org](http://humboldthousing.org).



❖ **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**COMMUNITY BUILDER** Aaron Ostrom, the founder of McKinleyville Community Watch, was presented with the Community Builder Award Jan. 4. From left, McKinleyville Community Services District Manager Greg Orsini, Director John Corbett, Ostrom, Board President Dennis Mayo and Director George Wheeler.

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# And the winner is ...

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Community Services District has awarded Aaron Ostrom its prestigious Community Builder Award for his many contributions to the town, including the founding of McKinleyville Community Watch and the organizing of massive trash cleanups.

The district’s Board of Directors presented Ostrom with the award at its Jan. 4 meeting, praising the business owner for his good deeds.

A resident of McKinleyville for 10 years, Ostrom founded McKinleyville Community Watch four years ago “because I felt like McKinleyville was lacking a sense of community.” The group has a Facebook page, where residents share information about crime, town events and local news. Participants also come together for trash cleanups and other community projects.

Running the McKinleyville Community Watch Facebook page is a significantly more time-consuming effort than people might think.

In order to maintain the page as an effective forum for sharing information and discussing community issues, moderators must constantly review postings and moderate comments. As anyone who has ever run an online forum knows, if it is not moderated properly, it will devolve into flame wars and a string of insults.

As McKinleyville Community Watch grew, Ostrom realized he needed help running the group.

“I soon started to realize that I couldn’t do this on my own,” Ostrom stated in a written interview conducted by the district. “I needed to recruit moderators, so I treated this group as a business and started interviewing people.”

A group of moderators now oversees the Facebook page and has developed guidelines for participants.

Ostrom said the Facebook page has helped create community awareness about crime in

McKinleyville and has helped reunite lost animals with their owners.

The group has also held town hall meetings, giving residents an opportunity to meet with law enforcement and state representatives.

“We’ve hosted bimonthly 90-minute cleanups in McKinleyville resulting in more than 30,000 lbs. of trash removed from streets, trails, parks and open spaces,” according to Ostrom.

Another one of Ostrom’s accomplishments is the creation of the PacOut Green Team three years ago with Tim Haywood, an employee at Ostrom’s business, Pacific Outfitters.

The PacOut Green Team hosts a cleanup every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. from as far south as the Fortuna/Ferndale area and as far north as Orick.

“We haven’t missed a Saturday since we started three years ago,” Ostrom stated.

In the first year, the team cleaned up 24,000 lbs. of trash; in the second year, 35,000 lbs.; and last year, about 60,000 lbs.

Also at the meeting, district employee Chris Jones was presented with the 2016 Employee of the Year award. A 13-year employee of the district, Jones works as a Utility Person II. Employees of the district selected Jones through a secret ballot, recognizing their fellow employee for his positive contributions to the district.

The award was started by district manager Norman Shopay in 2009 and has continued every year since. Sharon Denison was the first Employee of the Year in 2009, followed by Tony Rutten in 2010, James Henry in 2011, Lesley Frisbee in 2012, William (Bill) McBroom in 2013, David Baldosser in 2014 and Diane Sloane in 2015. Jones was presented with a much-coveted lawn gnome for his contributions.

“It’s a wonderful place to work. I love it,” Jones said about the district.

❖ GREEN SPACES

# Progress on river park

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – McKinleyville has acquired a key piece of property necessary to access and develop a riverside park on North Bank Road.

At its meeting Jan. 4, the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors voted to accept a two-and-a-half-acre parcel on the south side of North Bank Road near its intersection with Azalea Avenue from the County of Humboldt. The county agreed to quit claim the parcel and give it to the district at no charge other than closing costs.

The undeveloped strip of property is sandwiched between North Bank Road and a 33-acre riverfront parcel the district purchased in 2012 for a mere \$37,000. That property includes trails, a forest and part of the river.

The district needed to obtain the county property so it could legally provide access to its undeveloped riverside park.

There is a gravel pullout on south side of North Bank Road, where people park their cars and use the informal trails that cut through a boggy forest and lead to a bend in the river.

Mary Burke, one of four candidates vying for an open seat on the board in the March 14 election, told directors at the Jan. 4 meeting that she had floated down the river and, at that bend, spotted a harbor seal, a river otter and a bald eagle, all during a single outing.

The area is also a good fishing spot, although the access can be challenging due to the wet, boggy trails.

The district’s plans for the riverfront park are uncertain. District officials have said that it is unclear how much development the Department of Fish & Wildlife will allow due to the riparian nature of the area.

At the very least, the park will have trails and an area to park.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

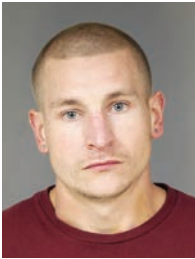
**APD THANKFUL** The Arcata Police Department, and especially Officer/Handler Matthew O’Donovan and K9 Baron, thanks the many individuals and agencies who contributed to the purchase of the bulletproof and stab-proof vest for the newest member of the K9 team. There was somewhat of a delay in getting this vest since the canines have to be at adult weight and size. Baron is now fully grown and is reported to be extremely well trained to do his job as a patrol service dog for the City of Arcata residents and beyond. The vest is an expensive item that not all cities have for their dogs, and Arcata Police are very grateful for the community support.

**SEEKING SNOW?** The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office reminds those looking for fun in the snow that the Kneeland-Greenwood Heights area is primarily all private property. Snow seekers should utilize the Horse Mountain, Six Rivers National Forest areas for recreational activity. If you do plan to recreate in the snow, notify family and friends of where you are going and bring appropriate safety equipment in case you become lost, injured or stuck. Make sure your cell phone is charged if you bring one with you and have appropriate winter clothing. Please remember trespassing is a crime and trespassers could be subject to citation or arrest.

**ORICK RESIDENT DEPUTY** Deputy Joe Conlin has been selected to fill the vacant resident deputy position for the Orick community. Conlin is a lifelong resident of Humboldt County, born and raised in Arcata. He graduated from Arcata High in 1992 and spent 15 years in the U.S. Army, serving in six combat tours. He graduated from the College of the Redwoods 101st Police Academy in 2007. Conlin is a certified evidence technician, defensive tactics instructor, field training officer and explosive ordinance device technician.

## Found on Craigslist

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
EUREKA – On Thursday, Jan. 5, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office received a report that a burglary victim in the Eureka area discovered his stolen property offered for sale on Craigslist. Sheriff’s deputies and the victim made arrangements to meet the seller, Anthony Joseph Holberg, 30, at a designated location in Eureka. Deputies and the victim soon determined the property being sold was in fact the stolen goods belonging to the victim, along with several more items that were stolen from the victim. Holberg also had two outstanding warrants for his arrest, one of which was for theft.  
Holberg was arrested and transported to the county jail, where he was booked on suspicion of grand theft, receiving stolen property and his two outstanding warrants. His bail was set at \$50,000.



Anthony Joseph Holberg

## Man found by roadside

**CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
EUREKA – On the morning of Thursday, Jan. 5, a 21-year-old man sustained life-threatening injuries following an unknown occurrence. At approximately 12:20 a.m., Humboldt Area CHP responded to a report of a pedestrian in the roadway near southbound U.S. Highway 101 just north of the Eureka Slough Bridge. When officers arrived on scene, they located an unresponsive man lying on the left shoulder with a major head injury. The man was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Hospital.  
No vehicles or witnesses were located at the scene. Due to the lack of physical evidence, it is unclear at this time if it was a traffic collision or other circumstances that lead to the injuries sustained by the man. Humboldt Area CHP and Eureka Police Department are working together to determine the cause of the incident.  
Anyone with any information that may lead to the cause of this incident is asked to contact the Humboldt Area CHP Office at (707) 822-5981 or Eureka Police Department at (707) 441-4060.

## Deadline today to join task force

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The Arcata City Council is seeking volunteer members for Arcata’s new Public Safety Task Force. Task force members will serve for 12 months and advise the City Council and city staff on enhancing public safety in Arcata. The task force will also make recommendations that could be used by the city to increase public safety.

The task force will have a minimum of seven and a maximum of 11 members who live, work or go to school within Arcata city limits. The council is specifically seeking applicants living in various parts of Arcata; business owners and employees; Humboldt State students; and representatives from Arcata schools and community-based organizations.

The task force will meet in the evenings on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Arcata City Council Chamber. Applications are available at [cityofarcata.org/500/Vacancies-Applications](http://cityofarcata.org/500/Vacancies-Applications) and at the City Manager’s Office, 736 F St., Arcata.  
Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. To participate in the next the next round of interviews on Jan. 18, submit an application by 3 p.m. today, Jan. 11.

## ‘Rogue wave’ rocks the boat

• **Thursday, December 22 6:52 a.m.** Three boys decided to go duck hunting, so they launched a 14-foot Klamath aluminum boat with an 8 hp motor at Stone Lagoon. All their guns and gear were on board for the big adventure. They pointed the bow westward and motored across the cold, placid waters. As they got near the middle of the lagoon, something happened and the boat flipped over. If you believe the boys, all of whom told the same story, a rogue wave came out of nowhere and flipped the boat over. All the guns and gear and unworn lifejackets went into the lagoon. The good news is the boys were all OK. They all got out of the water and were getting warmed up in the back of an ambulance when deputies arrived. A deputy questioned the boys about where the rogue wave came from, seeing that the lagoon is closed to the ocean. Questions remain.  
• **Friday, December 23 1 p.m.** In Orick, a couple in a dating relationship got into a big physical fight. It was mutual combat, and neither wanted to press charges. It’s not going to work out.  
**9:29 p.m.** It’s dark and the mercury has plummeted to 37 degrees in McKinleyville. Delmar Donohue, dressed in only a sweat-shirt and denim shorts, is walking northbound in the No. 2 lane of Central Avenue. A deputy sees this and goes to investigate, but Donohue runs away and disappears. An hour later, the deputy sees Donohue jumping in and out of the southbound Central Avenue lanes. When Donohue sees the deputy, he runs off again, but this time is found at the Burger King. Donohue is sweating profusely and can’t stop fidgeting with his hands. The deputy conducts a drug awareness recognition test, and determines that Donohue is seriously spifflicated and riding high on several substances. Next stop: county jail.  
• **Saturday, December 24 4:53 p.m.** ’Twas the night before Christmas, and over at the Big Kmart in McKinleyville a man walked in, and walked out with a bicycle that he allegedly did not pay for. The suspect is a white male in his late 20s, about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, with very short hair.  
• **Monday, December 26 10:24 a.m.** A green Wade Delashmutt duck hunting boat that was propped up on the side of a house in Blue Lake was stolen.  
**11:22 a.m.** Over on Fenwick Avenue in the little company town of Samoa out on the peninsula, a witness watched as Matthew Fockaert allegedly punched a woman in the stomach five times as she held a small child. The witness confronted Fockaert and challenged the alleged woman beater to fight him instead. Fockaert declined, got into a waiting car and left. Deputies later caught up with Fockaert and arrested him on suspicion of unlawful imprisonment. A declaration in support for a warrant was submitted to the District Attorney accusing Fockaert of burglary, vandalism, battery on an ex-girlfriend and



willful cruelty to a child.  
• **Tuesday, December 27 7:53 a.m.** So this woman over on A Avenue in McKinleyville calls the coppers and claims that she was stabbed. Deputies rush to the residence, located in the Calville neighborhood, so named because the land was once owned by the California Barrel Co., which logged the site and gave its workers parcels of land to build their homes, some of which are constructed of mill ends. But back to the story. The coppers arrive at the house and there’s a woman there with her hand wrapped in a towel. She makes all sorts of claims, like that her ex-boyfriend allegedly hit her with a wrench and that a woman named Sarah Nichols allegedly slashed her with a knife. The ex and Nichols then took off, she claims. So deputies pay a visit to the house where Nichols and the ex are shackled up and get a different story. The duo says that the so-called stabbing victim came to their house with a slingshot and peppered the house with multiple marbles, one of which broke a window. Nichols came out and confronted the marble slinger, who allegedly punched Nichols in the stomach several times. The ex boyfriend intervened and also got hit, leaving a visible mark on his face. Deputies can’t find any evidence of a knife being used, or someone getting stabbed, but a records check reveals that Nichols has a felony warrant, so she is cited and released.  
• **Wednesday, December 28 9:21 a.m.** CalFire responded to Lowell Street in Orick where someone was burning debris, allegedly in violation of burning restrictions. Two males got into some sort of fight, so Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to keep the peace. Air Quality officials were also summoned to the smoky scene.  
**6:19 p.m.** Felix Martinez marched into the Big Kmart in McKinleyville, grabbed a bicycle and allegedly left the store without paying for it and pedaled away, disappearing somewhere in the heart of Mack Town. Deputies later found him with the bike on Hiller Road. Martinez was cited and released for allegedly stealing a bicycle.  
**10:28 p.m.** When you’re a wanted man, and you want to stay that way, it’s important to pay attention to the little details, as Kenneth Cruz learned the hard way this night on Central Avenue in McKinleyville. Cruz was driving down the road in a car with a broken taillight, which caught the attention of a deputy, who pulled him over. A records check revealed that Cruz had two bookable warrants for domestic violence as well as a domestic violence restraining order against him, which prohibits him from having a handgun. A search of his vehicle revealed a loaded Glock handgun, a second loaded magazine and about 44 loose rounds of 40-caliber ammo. Cruz was arrested and booked into the county jail on the two warrants and on suspicion of violating the restraining order and carrying a loaded firearm in public.

## The doors of perception are opening to a world of restraining orders

• **Saturday, December 17 1:34 p.m.** A man in a blue jacket and virtual reality glasses sat in a folding chair at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, remotely flying a buzzing drone over the space supposedly preserved for, oh, you know, maybe ... *wildlife?*  
**2:06 p.m.** A man reported being robbed at a Valley West motel, and asked for personal information about the employees there.  
**2:12 p.m.** A man reported \$2,500 stolen from his Valley West motel room, and suspected a housekeeping employee.  
• **Sunday, December 18 8:41 a.m.** An anono-couch appeared in a Lincoln Avenue alley overnight, its origins shrouded in mystery and evaded responsibility.  
**9:46 a.m.** A trashy blue traveler bus has been living on Ericson Way for a year or so, and people who work in the area are ready for it to go.  
**6:11 p.m.** A woman was reported attempting to break into a Buttermilk Lane residence by using a hammer to loosen the nails in a back window.  
**6:14 p.m.** A 13th Street resident came home after a week away to find her door knob removed, but nothing taken from her home. Well, other than the knob.  
**9:07 p.m.** Two men with black rags on their heads reportedly entered a remote 11th Street store, brandished a black firearm with a long barrel and left with an undisclosed amount of cash. One wore a black jacket, the other a camo version.  
• **Monday, December 19 2:01 a.m.** Those apartment dwellers have been screaming at each other and slamming doors for like, a month.  
**9:27 a.m.** A mattress not-so-magically appeared in the street across from Rotary Park overnight.  
**4:23 a.m.** A shoeless woman went to a Sunny Brae house and made off with the resident’s diminutive white poodle.  
**8:07 a.m.** A poop-encrusted black lab roams Airstream Avenue, perhaps because there is no food or water at home.  
**9:50 a.m.** A woman left her Northtown motel room for a while and came back to find some guy she didn’t know in her bathroom.  
**11:12 a.m.** A woman in a black hoodie went around to various pharmacies and, using two false names, tried to use a forged prescription to get some happy-funtime life destruction pills.  
**11:34 a.m.** An identity theft victim reported someone using his particulars to open accounts in Minnesota. Toward more picturesque speech, he noted that because of this, his credit has “plummeted.”  
**2 p.m.** A man, who turned out to be on probation, was reported using bolt cutters to dismantle bicycles of unknown provenance in a Sunny Brae alley. Since the industrious fellow hadn’t mentioned pursuing this activity last time he stood before a



judge, he was arrested on a probation violation charge.  
**3:28 p.m.** An ice cream thief was caught on video absconding with the icy delights from a 13th Street store.  
• **Tuesday, December 20 4:53 p.m.** An Amazon gift card was among the mail stolen from an Old Arcata Road mailbox. The thief, also a litterbug, discarded the packaging in the roadway just down the way. Amazon and UPS having been apprised of the theft and a case number assigned, the victim stood a reasonable chance of getting a replacement.  
**5:59 p.m.** After a woman made a disturbance in a posh Plaza restaurant, a man followed a couple out the door as they left, making verbal threats.  
**9:20 p.m.** A man who’d set up an ill-fated camp near the entrance to the police department was inevitably moved along.  
• **Wednesday, December 21 7:27 a.m.** A man was discovered snoozing outside a Uniontown pet shop, next to a toppled candle.  
**12:26 p.m.** A Zehndner Avenue neighbor dispute is attaining shed-imperiling levels, as the door to one wasn’t just ripped from its moorings, but stolen. The doors of perception are opening to a world of restraining orders.  
**1:33 p.m.** His brain in the grip of some substance or other, a man sat woozily in his car with the motor running under a Uniontown Freedom Shrine. Though freedom’s just another word for nothin’ left to lose, he did manage to lose himself in traffic before police arrived.  
**2:18 p.m.** Citing a “technical issue,” a man talked his way past the security at a downtown senior housing complex, went upstairs and disappeared. Police were asked to come and help look for him, but the sketchy tech was never located.  
**3:41 p.m.** Four alleged men in reputation-enhancing hoodies and beanies peed on cars and jeered at someone at 10th and J streets. Last seen lingering by a tree, the little herd of behoodied urinarians were moved along by police.  
• **Thursday, December 22 12:46 a.m.** A man threatened suicide by means of jumping in front of a car at Samoa Boulevard and G Street, but police found no trace of him there.  
**7:52 a.m.** Loose change and paperwork predictably disappeared from an unlocked car on F Street.  
**8:48 a.m.** A smallish white dog was stolen from the patio of a Plaza bistro.  
**1:10 p.m.** Two men and a woman lifted up their voices in what a witness generously referred to as “song” outside a Uniontown credit union, the tunes mingled with loud talking and cigarette emissions.  
**3:44 p.m.** A man driving an old pickup truck threw a shotgun out the window while getting onto southbound U.S. Highway 101 at Samoa Boulevard.



# OPINION

## You know what *would* be great?

### Dreamers have a dream

Dear Dr. King,

Happy Birthday! Please allow me yet again to thank you for teaching me that the main way to create justice in our region and country is through courageous, collaborative, nonviolent work.

This year, I feel compelled to write you this letter, because now more than ever, I need your guidance on how to move forward in our struggle for racial, social, economic and political equity.

In late November 2016, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), an arm of the Department of Homeland Security, detained my mom at the San Francisco Airport and deported her that same night to Mexico. She is 81 and has dementia, complicated by diabetes, anxiety and depression. She needs around-the-clock care, and I am her main care provider. Deporting a little old lady who can't think straight or care for herself is cruel and inhumane. And my family, as millions of other families do when they're forcibly separated, has suffered greatly.

I fault our political system, which condones this type of mistreatment and inhumanity. Millions of families have been torn apart through deportations, regardless of which political party is in power.

Our current political climate made it easier for ICE officials to turn my mom away and put her life in danger rather than use their discretion to reunite her with her U.S. citizen daughter.

I view my mom's deportation as a personal example of how many of us are still made to feel like "outsiders" in our own country. Other examples include:

- After this past election, I spoke with CR students in Humboldt County. Immigrant mothers described how their children were taunted at school and told to "go back to Mexico."
- Nationwide, almost 800,000 "Dreamers," youth who gained temporary immigration status because they've lived in this country their entire lives and are students, now face possible deportation. Well over 2,000 Dreamers live and attend school in our region. Giving Know-Your-Rights Workshops at CR and HSU, I witnessed their tears of fear and anxiety.
- An LGBTQ student at CR expressed his pain over witnessing hate speech directed at his partner and the uncertain future of gay marriage rights.
- Muslims may have to register in a national registry, as Japanese-Americans and European Jews did before being sent to concentration camps. Members of our community would have to choose between exposing their whereabouts and remaining "clandestine."
- Racial profiling, disproportionate incarceration, and structural inequities in public education still abound.

I assure you, Dr. King, that these, and other, challenges do not leave me feeling powerless. Working at College of the Redwoods, I feel hopeful that love will always override hate.

College of the Redwoods' Board of Trustees is being asked to support the CR President's decision to not create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race or sexual orientation. This will enable all students to feel safe on our campuses and sites.

Students, faculty and staff are working together to create a new Multi-Cultural Center on the Eureka campus, which will offer students a safe space to share cultural perspectives, build community and appreciate one another.

And when I was working to get my mom back home, the CR community gave me so much love and support that I felt the strength and courage to continue.

On Dec. 22, I received a call from Con-

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gresswoman Pelosi's office saying that my mom's Humanitarian Application for re-entry had been accepted. By Dec. 30, she was with us again at home in Eureka.

My family is very lucky, because we have a community that gave us solidarity and mobilized to successfully bring my mom home again. We have much for which to be thankful.

The best way I can honor you, Dr. King, is to continue working towards student equity at College of the Redwoods, and strive to achieve peace and justice for all marginalized people. I'll never give up. Thank you for all you have given us, and inspire in us. Happy Birthday, Dr. King!

**Renee Saucedo**  
Director of Student Equity & Success  
College of the Redwoods, **Eureka**

### No to mass round-ups

We urge the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and local city councils and service districts to join cities and counties across California in adopting policies limiting local law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration agents if President-elect Trump follows through on his campaign promise for mass roundups of immigrants. This would be an inappropriate and inhumane use of our local tax dollars and a threat to the safety of our entire community.

Undocumented immigrants and citizens with undocumented family members will not report crimes or cooperate with law enforcement if they fear local officials will assist in their identification and deportation. This will increase the potential for crime and exploitation of the undocumented members of our community. These are public safety issues for all of us.

**Ann Walance, Alex Stillman, Ann King Smith, Suzanne Simpson, Wendy Ring, Maureen Hart, Corinne Frugoni, Lorraine Dillon, Carol Coar, Edie Butler**  
**Humboldt**

### What 'good ol' days'?

Thank you, Jan Phelps, for your article about the "good ol' days."

I, too, wondered about "Make America great again." It would be good to know which era or decade to which we should return.

As a woman, I would hate to see our "choice" taken away. Women worked hard to get to vote, get equal pay and job opportunities and have rights over their own bodies. Recently, I heard that a woman having an abortion should be punished. *That* is not great!

Ads on TV show the Statue of Liberty. I wonder when a large blue tarp will cover the inscription on its base. *That* is not great!

Every civilized country has health care for its citizens. We finally got a program helping millions. Now it is threatened. *That* is not great!

We need a leader who believes in a system "of the people, by the people and for the people." Now *that* would be great!

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### Don't drink & drive

I didn't know Tessa Ginerich, who died last year when she was struck by a suspected drunk driver on Central Avenue in McKinleyville.

What was lost that night was a young life taken before she had the chance to add to and improve society.

The families will suffer from this tragedy. Tessa's family will never have the opportunity to see her develop into a young woman and experience the events that lead to it.

The driver's family will now have to live with the stigma that a relative chose to drink and drive that ended up with the taking of a life. No matter what his punishment is, he'll face the remainder of his life living with the fact that he ended a young life.

This did not have to happen. Tessa and her family should have been looking forward to the holidays and her life. Now they will be faced with a long period of mourning.

Please, don't drink and drive.

**Scott Baker**  
**McKinleyville**

## Highway safety should be our top priority

Back in November, a dear friend and I took our annual trip to Ashland, Ore., to enjoy the fall leaves in Lithia Park. I love most of the drive, first up the coast along U.S. Highway 101 and then following the Smith River Valley on U.S. Route 199.

But that short distance when you're on Interstate 5 in the Medford area is a shocking wake-up call. This tranquil drive suddenly becomes jarringly unpleasant as giant trucks and tractor trailers are right alongside you at 65 mph. I drive a full-size sedan, but no one in an automobile could survive a collision with these monster trucks. Now imagine these same giant trucks, but when you're on the steepest windy parts of 101 in Southern Humboldt or 199 in the Smith River Canyon. Now imagine it's at night, in a pouring rain.

Why? Why? Why would you put your citizens in such danger? With the completion of Buckhorn Summit on State Route 299, STAA trucks can now access Humboldt County, benefitting those few businesses whose profit margins will increase with access to STAA trucks. We do not need to be putting more large trucks on 199 perched above the Smith River, nor on U.S. Highway 101 between southern Mendocino and northern Humboldt County, where 101 has long stretches with curves that strain the suspension of most vehicles driving at 65 mph, never mind if a deer or a loose tire suddenly crosses your path. In such a situation, the one thing you do not want, is to be alongside of, or head-on with, an oversized truck.

Maybe you think I'm being a bit hysterical and just frighten easily. Well if you doubt me, please take a moment to visit [trucksafety.org](http://trucksafety.org) or read these statements from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety: One in 10 highway deaths occurs in a crash involving a large truck. Most deaths in large truck crashes are passenger vehicle occupants. Truck braking capability is often a factor in truck crashes. Loaded tractor-trailers take 20 to 40 percent farther than cars to stop, and the discrepancy is greater on wet and slippery roads. (Rain much on the North Coast?)

Bigger, longer, heavier trucks are deadlier. But then nothing could be more obvious. Yet there are forces that want to subject us to exactly that: bigger, longer, heavier trucks on our windy roads, traveling at high speeds, more and more with drivers who are chronically fatigued. Once you let the STAA truck through, drivers may well have traveled thousands of miles before they end up next to you on a dark and rainy night. Tell me again, why do we want to make our lives so much more dangerous?

Now back to my trip to Ashland. In both directions, we had the now-routine one-way controlled traffic as we passed the



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Richard Salzman

chronically failing road at Last Chance Grade south of Crescent City on 101. You may have read recently that a final determination has been made that, in spite of the more than \$35 million Caltrans has spent over the last three decades to try to shore up that section of road, physics and geology make it impossible. The road will have to be moved. It is no longer an option, it is now a necessity.

The Last Chance Grade Economic Study concluded that a project cost of as much as \$1.6 billion was justified based upon the local economic impacts when the current road fails, and fail it will. Oh and don't forget, the post office is still intent on moving our distribution center from Eureka to Medford, so when the road is out, the mail will take even longer to arrive.

Depending on which alternative route around Last Chance Grade is selected (the most likely of which will include tunnels), the preliminary geotechnical recommendations alone will take up to four years, with the final recommendations likely to be 12 years away. Point being: We can not afford to waste time with other unnecessary local highway projects.

So, here we have a billion-dollar project that will take years to complete, but is required if we wish to keep the coast highway, our sole artery to Del Norte County, open. Yet for some reason someone has Caltrans convinced that we should spend millions more of our tax dollars to widen 101 through Richardson Grove State Park and 199 through the Smith River Canyon so that longer, bigger, heavier trucks can be put onto more of our local highways. The number of people who died in large truck crashes was 16 percent higher in 2014 than in 2009. Why? Simple. Because more bigger trucks are on our roads.

But if saving lives doesn't compel you alone, you might also consider the significant increase in wear-and-tear to our own roads. Also, why are we considering widening a highway through a state park? In October, 101 was closed for an entire day when a diesel tanker crashed, spilling 5,000 gallons of petroleum product near Dora Creek — a local swimming hole on the South Fork of the Eel River. Richardson Grove and the Smith River Canyon help protect the North Coast from crashes like these that can have tragic consequences. Let's not destroy that.

There is a local group that has been rationally addressing these issues with science and common sense. You can find out more and support their efforts at [transportationpriorities.org](http://transportationpriorities.org).

*Richard Salzman is an agent representing illustrators and visual artists. He lives in Arcata.*

## An 'unprecedented journey'

*The following is an open letter from Humboldt County Planning & Building Director John H. Ford regarding the cannabis permit application process.*

This letter is to facilitate the Cannabis Permit Application process as we move forward together on this unprecedented journey.

The permit application deadline is passed, resulting in submittal of 2,337 applications. On Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 alone, we accepted over 300 applications, with nearly 900 applications received in the last week and 1,500 received in the last two weeks!

The Planning and Building Department staff, and you our customers, did a remarkable job working together to ensure your projects were accurately submitted.

We would like to solicit this same sense of teamwork as we move into the next phases of processing your applications.

The vast majority — over 2,000 — of applications were known to be incomplete at

the time of submittal. Accordingly, we have a large volume of incomplete applications to respond to and a limited number of applications ready to move through the process or which are moving toward decision.

Over the next two weeks, our priority is to focus on projects ready for decision and then those projects which are incomplete. The following week we will focus on sending out letter to the 1,500 incomplete applications.

We are going to be as efficient as possible in handling this large number of applications and there are some things that you can do to help us in this effort.

1. Incomplete applications will trigger a letter from us explaining what is still needed to complete the application. We anticipate receiving a large volume of resubmittals. *Please submit one complete package of information which addresses all the information required in the incomplete letter.* Incomplete and partial resubmittals will greatly add to the time spent on each ap-

### ❖ LETTER

plication and will slow the process for everyone.

2. We know many will have questions and will need assistance completing your application. To that end, we will continue to have cannabis planners available at the counter on Monday, Thursday and Friday, and we are scheduling groups assistance meetings on Thursdays at the following times:

- Jan. 12 and Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. in Meeting Room B, 3015 H St. Eureka

- Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. in Meeting Room B, 3015 H St. Eureka

These meetings are open on a walk-in basis and the questions and answers will be noted and posted on the website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Again, please accept my thanks for working well with us on this unprecedented effort in 2016. We have much to do in 2017 and we remain excited to work with you throughout this process.

❖ No matter how frequently and passionately we implore you to sign letters to the *Union* with a real name and include a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification, we continue to get letters lacking one, two or more of the above. Also, try and keep your letter to 300 words or so, maybe 500 max. If you need more words than that, contact us about writing a Guest Opinion. Deadline for letters and opinions is noon Friday. Email letters to [opinion@madriverrunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverrunion.com).



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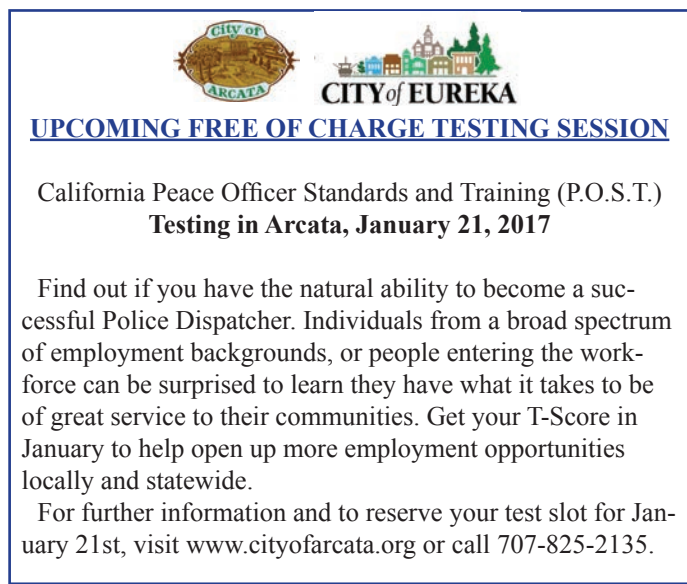
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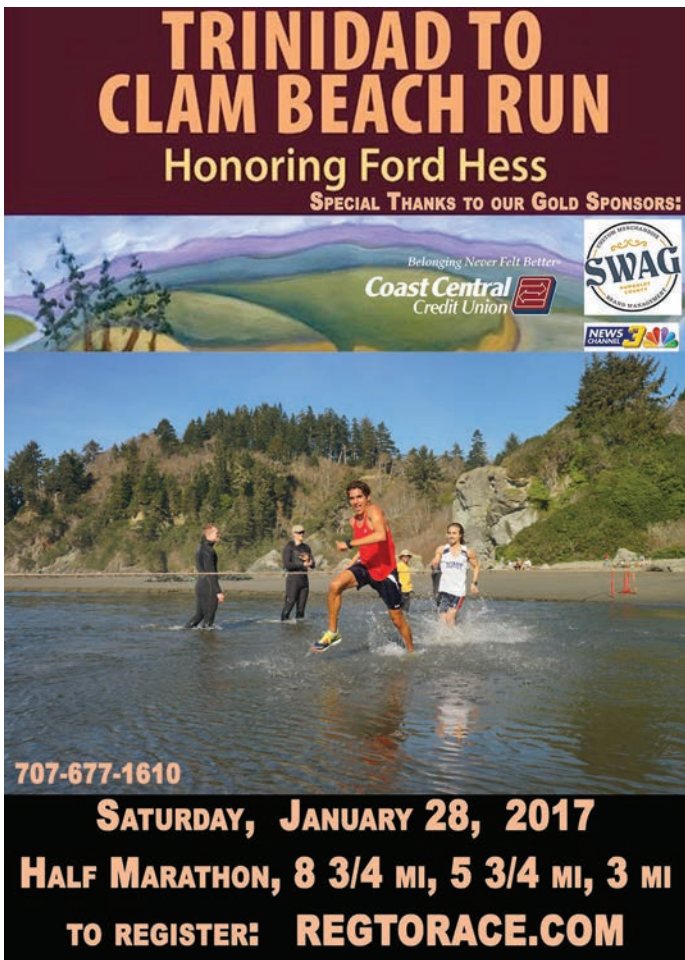


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**MANY MATISSES** Trinidad students' artistic exploration of marine life show at Westhaven Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**WESTHAVEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**WESTHAVEN** – Westhaven Center for the Arts presents the work of students at Trinidad School throughout January. Titled “MARE, Matisse and More,” the exhibit combines the groundbreaking paper cutout techniques of Henri Matisse with content from the Marine Activities, Resource and Education (MARE) program.

Trinidad Elementary and Middle School teachers use the MARE curriculum developed by Lawrence Hall of Science to teach and celebrate ocean sciences education throughout the month of May 2016. Students conducted tidepool surveys, collaborated with the Humboldt State marine lab on student-led science investigations, and participated in marine related field trips. The month culminated with a Samba parade through the town and a community open house.

Art is an essential component of MARE. The school's kindergarten through eighth grade students created a series of 16, 3-by-5-foot vertical mural panels. These beautifully hand painted collages use marine themed abstract shapes, based on Matisse's colors and shapes.

Each grade focused on a particular marine habitat. Kindergarteners explored the freshwater pond; the first grade, the rocky seashore; the second grade, the sandy beach; third grade, wetlands; fourth grade, the kelp forest; the fifth grade, open ocean; the sixth grade, island habitats; and the seventh and eighth grade, polar seas. They also explored a different media and art projects along with their murals. For example, first graders made ceramic rocky seashore animals, fifth graders created jellyfish with colorful chalk pastel, and sixth graders constructed papier maché birds for their island habitat.

Westhaven Center is proud to share the results of their work with the community. There will be an opening reception Sunday, Jan. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. The center is located at 501 South Westhaven Dr. Regular gallery hours are Friday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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## They sell seashells by the seashore

Sorting it all out at Sea Around Us

**Janine Volkmar**

MAD RIVER UNION

**TRINIDAD** – Sea Around Us is a small business in Trinidad that has spanned three generations, three locations and the last 65 years.

The locations have all been within a few yards of each other, but their history is colorfully entwined.

The first Sea Around Us was started by Ruby Snell McGregor in the apartment of a small building in Trinidad, a building that was chopped into an even smaller building when Main Street was widened.

McGregor liked the name, according to her daughter-in-law, Barbara Snell. Of course, the name came from the famous book by Rachel Carson, but no one remembers if McGregor read the book or just liked the sound of it.

Barbara Snell explained that local artists quickly turned to Sea Around Us for the shells McGregor sold, and the shop also carried their local crafts.

McGregor's son, the late Chuck Snell, had a natural interest and background to help the shop grow into all it was to become.

“Chuck dove for abalone when he was 13 or 14, which he sold three for a dollar,” Barbara Snell said. “He was always a gatherer. For him, there was no reason to go hiking, diving or swimming without gathering things and selling them. He brought green abalone up from Southern California.



**A FAMILY AFFAIR** Father Chuck Snell and son Bill Snell sort pine nuts, above. Right, a young Bill Snell models regalia: “We were at Mamie Parton's and she was laying out the regalia and she thought it would look better on me.” Below, the “Milk for Sale” sign still graces the premises.

MILK SIGN PHOTO JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION; OTHER PHOTOS COURTESY SEA AROUND US



There was only red abalone here and the green became popular with the artists.”

As Snell brought more inventory, the shop expanded and moved next into the old dairy barn just up the street. First, the manure and straw had to be dug out from where the milk cows had been herded in to be milked every day. The milk for sale sign and some old milk bottles are still on display.

It was still called Sea Around Us and, besides the ornamental shells and gifts, it expanded into the workshop of Chuck Snell. He provided ma-



terials to Native Americans for their traditional regalia and crafts, specializing in shells and buttons as well as many other important materials.

Loré Snell, one of Chuck's two daughters, eventually took over that location seven years ago, renaming it WindanSea. She and her husband, Casey Van Alten, still sell shells by the seashore but also travel the world to

SEA AROUND US ♦ B3

## Art ambush

**ARCATA MAIN STREET**

**ARCATA** – Arts! Arcata, Arcata Main Street's monthly celebration of visual and performing arts, is this Friday, Jan. 13 at the following locations.

**Arcata Artisans** 883 H St. – “Annual Group Exhibit” featuring works in various media – including jewelry, photography, painting, ceramics, metalwork, fiber art, woodworking and printmaking – by the cooperative gallery's 28 members, all local artists. Wine pour benefits the Breast and GYN Health Project.

**Arcata Exchange** 813 H St. – “Warm Fires,” abstract acrylics by David Walker; music by Bob and Ebba. Wine pour benefits Open Studios.

**Arcata Plaza** – Cirque Du Singe fire dancing performance; music by SamAmore, Bandonium and the Marching Lumberjacks. Also, attention all Jedi, Millennium Falcon crew members, Ewoks, Wookies and droids: memorial gathering for Princess Leia. All



**SILENT AMBUSH – GOSHAWK** Linda Parkinson shows original watercolors at Plaza Grill for Arts! Arcata.

ages, come in *Star Wars* regalia.

**Baywood Golf & Country Club** 3600 Buttermilk Ln. – “Member Show” featuring works by Donna Hauser, Jamie Walkers, Sierra Martin and Pam Garret.

**Bubbles** 1031 H St. – Music by guitar/cello duet The Heartstring Girls.

**Fatböl Clothing** 1063 H St. – “Hip-Hop Cypher” open mic with resident Turntablist DJM and resident hip-hop MC Nac One.

**Fire Arts Center** 520 South G St. – Kids Art Show

ARTS! ARCATA ♦ B3

## The way we were



My memory isn't that great. I'm getting old and I went missing for awhile not too long ago and damaged some synapses, which are only slowly rebuilding. Luckily, social media is willing to jar my memory. I have an app on my iPad

called “Memoir” that taps into my history, reminding what I was posting years ago. Facebook copied the idea for “Memories,” which does the same thing. Then there are other peoples' memory feeds, which remind me of photos I took of others.

Last week, it was a snapshot of three friends, **Thad Beckman, Danny Montgomery and Gary Davidson**. Someone posted it since the trio is getting together for a couple of shows at the Arcata Playhouse, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 12 and 13. When I looked back in the folder full of pics from five years ago, I realized the band portrait (as such) was from another night

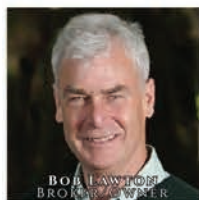


**JOGGING MEMORIES** Thad Beckman, Danny Montgomery and Gary Davidson perform at the Playhouse this week.

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at the Playhouse. Deja vu. They played that night behind poet **Jerry Martien**, who happens to be playing this Thursday with guitarist **Fred Neighbor** once again joining in the fun. Same as it ever was.

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❖ **FROM B1**

As the synapses knit together, I remember decades ago when all of the guys played together in an all-star Arcata outfit known as The Whole Enchilada with Joyce Hough, and if memory serves, keyboardist Mike Emerson and sax man Francis Vanek and maybe others. (It was a big band, thus the name).

As time passed, the players parted ways. Thad took his guitar and relocated to Austin, then Portland, pursuing a full-time career as a singer/songwriter and teacher and recording a half dozen albums along the way. Danny followed a worldly path, becoming a globe-trotting drummer-for-hire playing in bands in Spain, France and Israel and backing luminaries such as the late great Mose Allison, Percy Sledge, Ray Charles, Alex Chilton and JJ Cale, and stars still living.

Fred and Gary stayed here and found careers in the law and engineering respectively. Jerry, well, he’s a teacher and has always been Humboldt’s poet laureate in my book. He’s also written several books, most recently *The Price of a Life by Dr. Loon* (a must-read if your interested in our cannabis culture).

At Thursday’s reading (with music) he promises to “rhapsodize about memory loss and his mother’s TV set, Humboldt Bay and a changing climate, politics both local and global, trails and bridges and the infrastructure beneath our infrastructure.”

For Friday night with the TBT, Thad says, “We’ll be doing songs from all of my albums [including] *When The Sun Goes Down*, a CD that Danny and I did together — just drums, guitar and vocals — and some from my latest, *Streets of Disaster*.”

The title track seems timely

with Thad reporting, “I read the news today it’s so depressing. Maybe an early grave would be a blessing. Some madman’s got the bomb and I fear it won’t be long, we’ll be standing in the midst of disaster.” Of course it predates the coup we’re witnessing currently. “That’s the scary part,” he noted, “the song seems more appropriate now than when I wrote it sometime in 2013.” The song is clearly political, but, he says, “For the most part politics does not come into the picture.”

The last time I saw Jerry, he was at a reading/conversation by activist Bill Ayers, where he spoke passionately about current events and the pending Trumpocalypse. I assume Thursday evening he’ll touch on the political, after all, as Thomas Mann and Bob Marley both said, “Everything is political.”

**Venerable**

Thursday at Humboldt Brews, “poly-ethnic Cajun slamgrass” pioneers **Leftover Salmon** kick off their Winter NoAmerican tour with a two-day run at Humboldt Brews, hitting 17 cities cross-country.

What, you may ask, is this poly-ethnic Cajun slamgrass stuff? It’s a genre they made up in the late ’80s since there really was no term for what they were doing, combining quasi-bluegrass with rock beats veering into jamband structures. L-Salmon guitarist and founder **Vince Herman** sees the band as part of “the continuity of loud things to do with folk music,” with groups like Nitty Gritty Dirt Band as precursors.

**Drew Emmitt** has been with Vince from the start on acoustic and electric mandolin, electric guitar and fiddle. **Andy Thorn** plays electric banjo, one made right here in Humboldt by **Ian Davidson** of **Absynth Q**. Fit-

ting, since AQ opens the show at HumBrews both nights, still aglow from their stellar NYE show. (The tribute to those we lost including “Purple Rain” and “Pure Imagination” was particularly unforgettable, especially Jenny Scheinman’s masterful fiddle solos.)

Thursday at the Eureka Vets Hall, it’s an evening of legendary ska-core as “The Devil’s 3-Way Tour” makes its way up the coast with **Voodoo Glow Skulls** from Riverside, **Buck-O-Nine** from San Diego and **The Porkers** from Australia.

The Glow Skulls started 29 years ago with keys/sax/vocalist **Frank Casillas** and his brothers **Eddie** and **Jorge** on guitar and bass respectively, with various drummers and horn players (usually trombones) over the years. “We play fast. We play hard. We play the voodoo sound like no other,” they explain. The Porkers have been around even longer: 30+ years.

Buck-O-Nine has been around for 25 years. You may think ska is for the young, and while the all ages crowd may not care, these guys are downright venerable. Note: This starts early, doors at 6:30, show at 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday at The SPACE (Humboldt Light Opera Company’s rehearsal space in Sunny Brae), **Jeff DeMark** does his one-man show **Writing My Way Out of Adolescence**. This was the one that got Jeff going on his raconteur path years ago, “with laughs and also some dead serious reflections on religion, family, rock ’n’ roll, drugs and reasons why not to steal a car and drive to a nudist camp.”

If you’ve never seen him perform, you should. If you haven’t seen this monologue, well, IMHO it’s his best. Just go. (It’s a benefit for HLOC.)

**Echoes, dreads & a drag king**

Saturday night at the Jam, it’s a **Club Triangle Masquerade**

**Ball with Fuscia Rae** hosting the drag show featuring the extremely special guest **Spikey Van Dykey** all the way from Florida. While the drag queens typically rule these shows, Spikey is one of the country’s top drag kings (with a glitter beard).

Earlier Saturday, before the Ball, they have an All Ages Drag Show at the Jam (designed for a “PG-13” audience) with performers of all ages plus the one-and-only Spikey, who will be here a couple of days early for **Gentlemen’s Glitter: A Celebration of Burlesque, Boylesque & Drag**, Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Wave (at the Blue Lake Casino). **John McClurg** of Mr. Humboldt fame will emcee performances by **Va Va Voom**, **Rag Doll Revue** and **Club Triangle Stars**.

The hardworking Spikey is also doing an all-ages workshop on doing drag at Synapsis on Friday (7 to 9 p.m.) Email [muppet33@gmail.com](mailto:muppet33@gmail.com) for details.

Across town Saturday at Humboldt Brews, it’s **Talking Dreads**, a reggae style Talking Head tribute/cover band led by **Mystic Bowie**, a Jamaican artist who used to be in Tom Tom Club with Chris Franz and Tina Weymouth (founding members of Talking Heads). Sounds perfect for Humboldt.

Saturday at Central Station (in McKinleyville) **Hudson Hound Dogs** head up a rock show with **Speak Simple**, and the debut of **Echo Rows**. I have to admit, I don’t know any of the bands, I also did not know that Central Station had shows like this, but **Martin Fusek** from Echo Rows invited me via Facebook and I found an old photo on his page of my son Spencer playing music years ago. “My first live performance in about 12 years,” said Martin, “might get weird!” Weird is okay.

**Harmonious**

Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Arca-

ta Playhouse, **The Flat Five** are here from Chicago for the first time, and I have to admit, I’m not sure what they’ll play. It may be songs from their debut album *It’s a World of Love and Hope*, a collection of quirky songs written by Chris Ligon, who you’ve probably never heard of, unless you’re from Chicago.

Described as a “pop vocal super-group,” the quintet includes **Casey McDonough** and **Scott Ligon** (Chris’ kid brother), both from the legendary rock band NRBQ. There’s **Kelly Hogan**, who sings harmony for Neko Case and records on her own, and **Nora O’Connor**, who sings with Andrew Bird and Iron & Wine (among others).

The women both sing harmony with Mavis Staples and The Decemberists. Drummer/accordionist **Alex Hall** plays with a Chicago big band and with another project with Scott and Casey. Note: Chris is not in Flat Five, but they recorded his songs for their album. He’s an ex-record store owner, apparently with omnivorous taste.)

Until recently, the band only played annual holiday shows focused on eclectic cover tunes — for example an XTC tune juxtaposed with Hoagy Carmichael’s “Lazy Bones.” Harmonies are paramount in arrangements that draw influence from The Swingle Singers and The Beach Boys (among others).

They insist, it is a world of love and hope, but I must warn you, it’s slightly off-kilter. The album’s title comes from one of Chris’ songs, “This Is Your Night,” where they suggest, “Don’t just sit around and mope, buy yourself a great big bag of dope. It’s a world of love and hope. This is your night ...” Come to think of it, that a very hopeful Humboldtian suggestion. And Michelle and Obama are from Chicago. Oh yes, I remember now.

**SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT** See *The Monster Walks* (1931) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Jan. 11** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Heiress Vera Reynolds is marked for death by her maniacal uncle, who uses a huge and surly ape as his vessel of wrath. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

**STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES** The McKinleyville Public Library, 1606 Pickett Rd., holds Story Time for Children of All Abilities **Saturday, Jan. 14** at 9 a.m. This story time is designed with special needs children in mind, as well as their families and friends, but is open to all. In addition to stories there will be sensory play stations available with volunteers to help children have a positive experience. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the McKinleyville Library and would be impossible without many dedi-

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**CABIN FEVER BOOK SALE** Winter got you down? Curl up with a good book! The Friends of the McKinleyville Library holds a Cabin Fever Book Sale **Saturday, Jan. 14** from 1 to 4 p.m. next to the Totem Pole in the McKinleyville Shopping Center. Along with new arrivals and fun rainy day reading options for the entire family, there will be a large selection of science fiction and fantasy books for older children and teens, as well as nonfiction books in healthcare, pet care, child rearing, relationship building, spirituality, biographies and music, to name a few. If fiction is your passion, many hardcover and paperback books are available, including mysteries, historical fiction, westerns, and romance as well as an excellent selection of children’s books from infants to middle school age. As always, there will be a \$2/bag sale out front. All proceeds support projects and programs at the McKinleyville Library. Book donations are welcome on sale day.

**ANIMALIA ART** Children and families are invited to Family Arts Day at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, **Saturday, Jan. 14** at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of art-making inspired by the museum’s current exhibition, “Animalia,” by Brandice Guerra. Families can create works of art inspired by their favorite animals, painting and drawing on felt and other surfaces to create fun and funny works of art. Just like the animals depicted in “Animalia,” kids will be encouraged to create animals that look or act just a little bit human. Admission is free for museum members, children under 17, any family with an EBT card (thanks to the Museums For All program), or anyone bringing a nonperishable food item for the museum’s Food For People donation bin. Otherwise, admission is \$5/\$2 for students, seniors and military members.

**PILATES AT THE MUSEUM** Is your New Year’s Resolution to get in shape? Drop in for an all-levels Pilates class at the Morris

Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, **Sunday, Jan. 15** at 2 p.m. Susie Kidd of Sacred Bodies Pilates & Dance will teach an introductory Pilates mat class, with not only the basic movements of Pilates themselves, but how to use the appropriate muscles to strengthen your body and your breath. Drop in, and bring your yoga mat.

**LOSING A LOVED ONE TO ALZHEIMER’S** The experience of losing a loved one to Alzheimer’s Disease will be explored at Lifetree Café **Sunday, Jan. 15** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Losing a Loved One to Alzheimer’s: A Daughters Dilemma,” features a screening of the award-winning short film *The Isle of Capri*, a film documenting the challenges faced by a daughter who lost her mother to Alzheimer’s. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, [bobdipert@hotmail.com](mailto:bobdipert@hotmail.com)

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11	THURSDAY, JAN. 12	FRIDAY, JAN 13	SATURDAY, JAN. 14	SUNDAY, JAN. 15	MONDAY, JAN. 16	TUESDAY, JAN. 17
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		7:30 p.m. Warcraft	TBA • NFL Playoffs Divisional	TBA • NFL Playoffs Divisional		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	8 p.m. • Gentlemen’s Glitter	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Tempest	9 p.m. NightHawk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. Backstreet	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata		9 p.m. Leftover Salmon	9 p.m. Leftover Salmon	9:30 p.m. The Talking Dreads			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp Whomp	9:30 p.m. • Foxtrot, Astro Tan & Al Gorgeous	10 p.m. Gooseteppa	9 p.m. Club Triangle	9:30 p.m. Sundaze		9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	7 p.m. • Cribbage Tournament	8 p.m. Trivia Night		8 p.m. Drop Jar Party	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Ping-pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Piet Dalmolen	6 p.m. Cygne	6 p.m. • Captain Kirk’s Kosmic Koncoction	6 p.m. • Honky Tonk Detours		6 p.m. • So I Married an Ax Murderer	6 p.m. The Low Notes
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Cabin Fever		8 p.m. Lovebush		7 p.m. Shuffleboard	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. Junk Parlor	9 p.m. Cabin Fever	9 p.m. The Yokels	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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The Trinidad to Clam Beach Run honoring Ford Hess is coming up Saturday, Jan. 28. A half marathon is being added to the customary races this year. Start times are 11:30 a.m. for the half marathon; 12:30 p.m. for the 3-mile and 8 ¾ mile events and 1:30 p.m. for the 5 ¾ mile race.

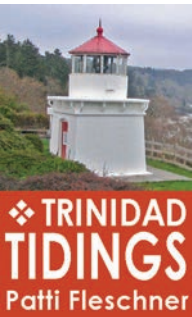
If you are preparing for the race, Patrick’s Point Drive, Stagecoach Road, Anderson Lane, Scenic Drive and Moonstone and Clam beaches are the challenging but beautifully scenic race routes.

Go to *trinidadtoclambeach.com* for online registration or call the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce voice mail, (707) 677-1610, for information.

Registration fee for the half marathon is \$60 per runner; the fee is \$40 per runner for the other three events. There is a family rate for four or more participants at \$25 per runner until Jan. 26. On race weekend, the rates go up to \$65 and \$45 respectively with no family rate. In-person late registration and packet pick-up is on Friday, Jan. 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel in Eureka. Race Day registration starts at 10:30 a.m. in Trinidad Town Hall. Buses take runners from Town Hall to the starting line. The fees include a commemorative T-shirt.

### Fine Arts Salons in January

Donna Haddock, co-director of Inner Center Fine Arts Institute, is leading fine arts salons each Friday in January. The first one was last Friday, but you can still reserve a place for the Jan. 13, 20 and 27 gatherings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The topics are “Fine Art in One’s Higher Nature,” “Fine Art’s Ancient Wisdom” and “Inner Peace Through Fine Art,” respectively. A \$10 donation for each salon is suggested. Coffee and tea are included. Seating is limited. You can reserve a place by calling (707) 496-5350.



### Music at Lighthouse Grill

Each Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. local musicians share their talent at Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Plaza. Tony Roach is scheduled for Jan. 15; JD Jeffries and Devin Paine on Jan. 22 and Howdy Emerson on Jan. 29.

### Calling all student artists

Trinidad Civic Club Co-President Dana Hope encourages students from Trinidad School, Big Lagoon School and local high schools, from kindergarten to 12th grade, to compete in the annual Redwood District art show scheduled for Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, in Trinidad town Hall. Watercolor, acrylic, sculpture, photography works and other media all are encouraged.

The Civic Club hosts a luncheon for the countywide group of women’s clubs, and student art is always a highlight of the annual affair, which commences at 9:30 a.m. in Trinidad Town Hall. For details on participation, call Dana at (707) 677-0332 or email *danahope66@hotmail.com*.

### Calling all student speakers

Trinidad Lions Club hosts a student speakers contest Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the Club Room Town Hall. This year’s topic is the right to privacy. Students from McKinleyville High, Arcata High, North Coast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy or other area charter high schools are invited to participate. There are financial awards for the speakers and the chance to advance to larger county and state venues. Trinidad Lions student speakers have always excelled at these events. It’s a wonderful opportunity to enhance public speaking skills in front of a supportive local audience.

For information, call Chairman Craig Wanek at (707) 677-9191 or Martha Sue Davis at (707) 677-3776 or email her at *marthasuedavis@yahoo.com*.

Email Patti at *baycity@sonic.net*

# A little puppy therapy for 2017

The shelter has puppies! Six of them, as of this writing. They are from two different mothers, and three or four different fathers. They all just happened to arrive at the shelter at more or less the same time. They are all around five months old and will be medium- to medium-large sized dogs. All are mixed breeds, emphasis on mixed.

Little Abel came in to the shelter in early December. For a young pup, he has done very well with both obedience and social skills. Abel is confident and well-behaved on the leash and very friendly with other dogs. He plays a good game of fetch and even returns the ball to the thrower. He has been kenneled with a female of the same age and they enjoyed playing tug of war in the play yard, though he seemed equally happy to play his own games during their play time. His roommate was adopted, but fortunately there are the five other pups in the shelter now that he can play with.



Abel is a mixed breed dog of about 5 months old. He



is white with dark markings and a stocky build. He is very affectionate and would make a great family dog.

The other five came in together and are littermates, though there were definitely a few fathers involved. There are three males – Quincy, Cover and Cash – and two females – Dixie and Ariel. They are variously identified as Labrador retriever mix, Dachshund mix, Pit Bull Terrier mix and Doberman pinscher mix! If I were guessing, I would add hound and shepherd to the possibilities.

Quincy and Clover have beautiful and unusual coats that are light tan with dark spots; think chocolate chip cookie! Come meet these kids and form your own opinion.

When they first became available, the pups acted as though they had never seen a leash before, but by their second day in Adoptables, they were walking like champs! Well, they were at least moving in the same direction as the volunteers walking them and doing their best to not get tangled up with each other.

They are all well-socialized with other dogs and are friendly with the volunteers. Some are bolder and some are still a bit timid, but all are smart and healthy and ready to find good homes where they will be loved.



A 5-month-old puppy is at the perfect age for training classes, outdoor exploration, interactive play and fun challenges for their growing brains and bodies. They are not the dogs to bring home and take out once a week for a little walk. Investing the time and training into your puppy results in a family dog that you can be proud of and enjoy for a good long time.

All of these pups are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave., in McKinleyville. They are spayed and neutered, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. The shelter requires landlord approval or home ownership to adopt an animal. If there are other dogs in the home, they should come along and meet prospective new family members to ensure a good match.

More information is available at *petharbor.com* or by calling (707) 840-9132. The shelter is open Monday through Friday. Volunteers are available to answer questions on the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Facebook page and also on the Redwood Pals Rescue Facebook page.

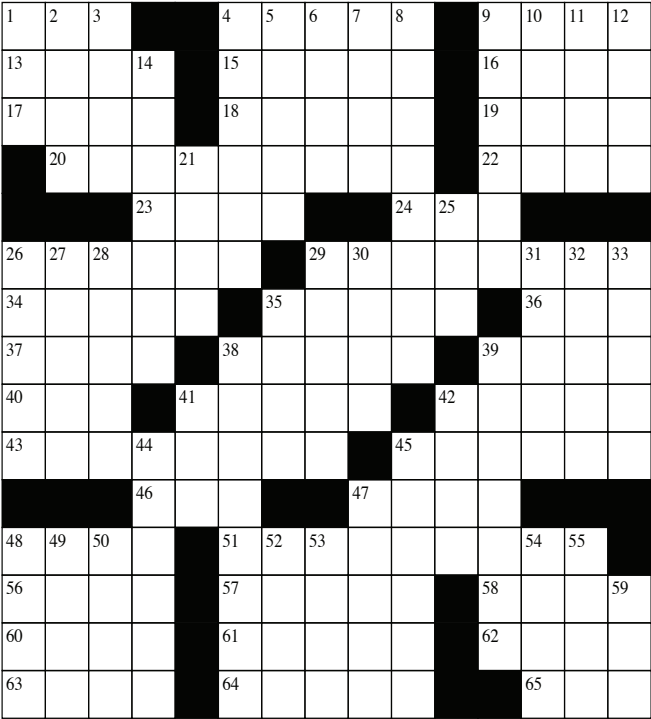
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- Surrounding attack
- Large container
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- Rich cake
- Ms. Moreno
- Poet’s word
- Thick soup
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- Launch site
- Actress Louise
- Turn
- Moved quickly
- British change
- Coastal fish
- Sheep shelter
- Spoken
- Taj Mahal city
- Beverages
- Praise
- River in Europe
- Cowboys’ goals: abbr.



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# Prepare now for the coming apocalypse!

“Maybe you’d better come home,” said my wife. It was a windy day in late summer 2014, and a traveler’s cook fire had sparked a wildfire at the Arcata Marsh, next to our house. I was at the office, already posting photos to the *Union* website, but now I really needed to go home in case of evacuation.

I eat breakfast every day staring at the Tsunami Hazard Zone sign outside my window, so I keep expecting water; fire was an unpleasant surprise. A marsh catching fire? How does that even happen?

She may seem a bit alarmist, but Kelly grew up in SoCal and has been evacuated by wildfires in the past. Plus, we have no car, so for us to leave our home for any amount of time, we have to get out the bikes, set up the bike trailer with the dog crate, put our old dogs in the crate *and* gather up our stuff.

Kelly had done all that by the time I got home. People – some pushing kids in strollers – were walking into the Marsh to see the fire and our neighbors were sparking up a barbecue, all despite the helicopters buzzing the fire and dumping Marsh “shit water” on it, as one onlooker said.

We didn’t get evacuated, but we were ready to go in 15 minutes. That’s because we have emergency backpacks.

Sure, you’ve heard that you should have a bug out pack, and everyone plans to get one. You can buy pre-made survival packs online, but they’re pricey and not really tailored to your specific needs.

We gathered our own out of stuff we mostly had lying around the house and purchased a couple of specialty items. I’m not a prepper, but I’ve taken a workshop and done some research. The Red Cross and FEMA have some generic lists on their websites, and if you dig a little online, you’ll fall into the rabbit hole of lists and lists and lists, each tailored to a specific situation. I figured I would like to be clean, warm, dry and hydrated for three to seven days, so here’s what’s in my kit, and maybe it will inspire you to make your own.

Start with a sturdy backpack and line it with a heavy duty plastic bag. A rollie suitcase would work just as well.

Pull out a mess of ziplock bags. My emergency kit was a good way to reuse a lot of those ziplocks everything is packaged in these days, which I save obsessively. Better safe than sorry, so assume that, from here on out, everything listed below is in its own ziplock:

- A couple of extra trash bags for making raingear
- A pair of old Converse hi-tops
- An extra pair of shoelaces
- A pair of leggings
- Two pairs of underwear
- Two pairs of socks

- Two large scarves
- A pair of warm gloves
- A couple of bandannas (these can be used as face masks to filter out particulate matter in the air)
- A ski mask/beanie
- A Cameleon (an awesomely weird piece of convertible clothing/bedding I bought at a Ren Fair – Google it!)
- A mylar blanket and a mylar sleeping bag
- Some paracord and a few feet of rope (can be used as dog leashes/collars)
- A hand cranked emergency radio/flashlight/cellphone charger and a cellphone charger cable
- A roll of toilet paper (especially remember to put this item in a ziplock bag)
- A small towel (know where your towel is!)
- A couple of Action Wipes (big wet wipes)
- A new toothbrush in a toothbrush holder (didn’t bother with toothpaste; I figure I can dry brush for a couple of days)
- An old pair of prescription eyeglasses
- A Lifestraw (it filters water as you drink it – *much* lighter than carting around the recommended gallon of water per day)
- A bar of motel soap
- A marker and a pencil
- A lighter and a waterproof case with matches
- A sewing kit (thread, needles, a little knife, lots of safety pins)
- A tube of lip balm
- Photocopies of ID and important documents
- Some rubber bands, twist ties and wire
- A pair of dishwashing gloves
- A multitool
- A first aid kit (alcohol wipes, bandaids, aspirin, scissors, gauze, compression bandage, Benadryl)
- Earplugs (recommended if you’re staying in a shelter)
- A deck of playing cards
- Some tea bags
- A couple of packages of powdered energy drink
- A fork and a spoon wrapped up in a napkin
- A metal cup
- A water bottle with a carabiner
- Duct tape (wrapped around the water bottle)
- A fabric water bowl for the dogs

In the past, I had some food and cash in there, but then I raided it. It’s pretty challenging to find dairy-free/gluten-free vegetarian survival rations; I’ll just toss in some dried fruits, nuts and granola on my way out the door, because I won’t be panicking, right?

Kelly keeps some MREs and firestarters in her pack. If you’re on any medications, remember to keep some backups in there too.

My pack accrues more things as time passes, so every once in a while, I unpack everything, air it out and refresh perishables like the Benadryl. There’s still plenty of room in my bag for more stuff – I don’t want it to be too heavy, and I want to leave room for any last-minute stuff I may add. But at least I’ll have the basics.

Make a bug out bag today! Oh, and DON’T PANIC.



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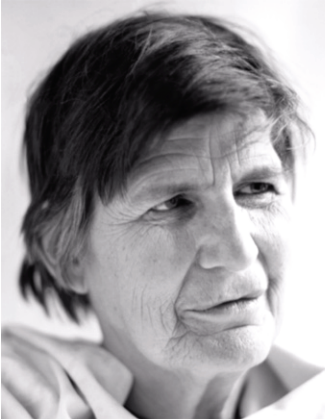
Ruth Mountaingrove 1923-2016

Ruth Mountaingrove, lesbian-feminist poet, photographer, composer, publisher, musician, playwright, painter and women's land pioneer, died peacefully Dec. 18, 2016, at age 93, at Ida Emmerson Hospice House in Eureka.

Ruth was born Ruth Shook Feb. 21, 1923 in Philadelphia, daughter of Edith Shelling and Herbert Shook. She attended Kutztown State Teachers College. In 1946, she published her first book of poetry, *Rhythms of Spring*, and married Bern Ikeler. They had five children. After her 1965 divorce, she became involved in the early feminist movement, and met her future partner, Jean Mountaingrove.

In 1971, she and two of her children joined Jean at Mountaingrove, an intentional community in rural southern Oregon. Ruth and Jean became central figures in the Southern Oregon women's land movement, publishing *Womanspirit* magazine, founding and co-editing *Blatant Image* and organizing "Ovulars." Ruth's photographs of this era are archived in the Ruth Mountaingrove Collection, University of Oregon Special Archives.

In 1986, Ruth moved to Arcata. She continued her photography and poetry as well as participating in many community activities: *Through the Eyes of Women* and *Women's Radio Collective* on KHSU, the Ink People, *Senior News*, volunteering at the library, teaching technology



to seniors and serving on the Grand Jury. She earned two Master's degrees at Humboldt State, in Art and Photography and in Theater Production and Dramatic Writing, the latter at age 80. She wrote book reviews for *The L-Word* for 20 years, and continued to participate in her poetry writing group and have creative living room conversations with good friends.

Ruth was predeceased by her son David, and survived by her son Jeffrey Eves Ikeler; daughters Heather Eves Ikeler and Kim Eves Ikeler (Donna); grandchildren Jeffrey Daniel Ikeler (Tanya) and Hannah Ikeler; and great-granddaughter Evelyn Grace Ikeler.

During Ruth's recent illnesses, a circle of committed friends and caregivers helped her stay in her home as long as she could. Ruth especially counted on Sue Hilton, whom she affectionately called her "manager." The PACE program provided invaluable support, and dealt cheerfully with the complexities of working with our group.

Ruth was creative, funny, inspirational, courageous, encouraging, independent, outspoken and determined.

A Celebration of Ruth's life will be held Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way in Bayside. If you would like to donate on Ruth's behalf, please contribute to an organization of your choice supporting women or the arts. For further information, please contact [suejh@humboldt1.com](mailto:suejh@humboldt1.com).

**SANCTUARY** When have you experienced, or participated in, discrimination? St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1675 Chester Ave. in Sunny Brae holds Sanctuary, a unique worship service **Sunday, Jan. 15** at 4 p.m. centering on this question. The one-hour service begins with a light family-style meal and conversation centered on the topic of the evening. Toward the end of the meal a discussion-oriented sermon is presented on this topic; after which participants gather in a candle-lit worship space for music and closing prayers. Saint Alban's welcomes LGBTQ people. The entire family is invited to this service. (707) 822-4102, [office@stalbansarcata.org](mailto:office@stalbansarcata.org), [stalbansarcata.org](http://stalbansarcata.org)

**CAMP SCRAP** School's out for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, so Camp SCRAP is in session **Monday, Jan. 16** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children in the first through sixth grades will enjoy a fun day of crafting at SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Arcata. Tuition is \$40. Register at [scraphumboldt.org](http://scraphumboldt.org). (707) 822-2452

**MUSEUM ART SCHOOL** What better place to explore creativity and learning than your local art museum? The Morris Graves Museum of Art winter session of Museum Art School, taught by art educator Arupa Richardson, is designed to help your 7- to 10-year-old child explore the arts and get specialized attention as they create works of art that expand their creativity and their artistic skills. Class runs from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. every Thursday for eight weeks, starting Jan. 19 and ending March 9. Students will draw artistic inspiration from exhibitions at the museum, have kid-friendly discussions on art history and theory, and of course, make their own artwork. Registration is \$90/\$85 for Humboldt Arts Council members. Scholarships are available to help make art classes accessible to all students. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 13 by 5 p.m. [humboldtarts.org/classes](http://humboldtarts.org/classes), (707) 442-0278

**AN EVENING WITH AUTISM PROFESSIONALS** Families Advocating Autism Now and the Humboldt County Library present "An Evening with the Professionals," a panel of professionals from the Humboldt County community who work with individuals with autism and other special needs, **Wednesday, Jan. 25** from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St. in Eureka. The goal of this event is to connect service providers with parents and caregivers so that those who need services find them. (707) 269-1910, [humlib.org](http://humlib.org)

**MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS** The Morris Graves Museum of Art is seeking volunteers to work as Museum Greeters on Friday and Saturday afternoons, noon to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m. Becoming a Museum Greeter is a great way to meet new and interesting people, learn and share knowledge about art exhibitions and community programs and add to your resume. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Museum Programs Manager Janine Murphy at [janine@humboldtarts.org](mailto:janine@humboldtarts.org) or (707) 442-0278 ext. 202.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00678**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HUMBOLDT EDUCATIONAL LEARNING PROJECT  
920 SAMOA BLVD., SUITE 205  
ARCATA, CA 95521  
LISA D. BETHUNE  
149 BOYNTON PRAIRIE ROAD ARCATA, CA 95521  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
S/LISA D. BETHUNE, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 6, 2016  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
AA DEPUTY CLERK 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00763**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: (1) FRUITING FLOWER FARMS (2) PUR-SOIL  
8754 BELL SPRINGS RD.

GARBERVILLE, CA 95542  
1506 DRY CREEK RD. HEADLSBURG, CA 95448  
JEFFREY M. JONES  
8754 BELL SPRINGS RD. GARBERVILLE, CA 95542  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
S/JEFFREY JONES, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 29, 2016  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
AA DEPUTY CLERK 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00751**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HUMBOLDT LIVE!  
1957 CASCARA STREET MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
P.O. BOX 91 BAYSIDE, CA 95524  
RIPARIAN EDUCATION ALLIANCE  
1957 CASCARA STREET MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation  
S/JAMES F. RITTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 27, 2016  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
AA DEPUTY CLERK 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00753**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 12TH & O ST APARTMENTS  
1803 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
JAMES M. RYNEARSON  
1803 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
This business is conducted by: An Individual

**S/JAMES MARK RYNEARSON, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 27, 2016  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
AA DEPUTY CLERK 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00761**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GIGANTIC VENTURES  
2005 ARDAGH CT. EUREKA, CA 95503  
JASON A. BAXTER  
2005 ARDAGH CT. EUREKA, CA 95503  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
S/JASON BAXTER, PRINCIPAL/OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 28, 2016  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
AA DEPUTY CLERK 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME KRISTIN BENJAMIN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV160998**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner KRISTIN BENJAMIN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
a. Present name: KRISTIN BENJAMIN to Proposed name SEQUOIA COLIBRI KANTARA.  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka,

California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: January 23, 2017  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 3  
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: DEC. 01, 2016  
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN  
Judge of the Superior Court 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18

**SUMMONS CASE NUMBER: FL160501 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: RYAN JEFFREY SCURRY**  
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CHENOA ROTH NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court

and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The name and address of the court is: Humboldt County Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501  
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: Kelly M. Walsh 100 M Street Eureka, CA 95501  
DATE: JUL 06 2016  
Kim M. Bartleson Clerk, by Kim S. Deputy 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

**NOTICE OF VACANCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Due to the resignation of Director Dennis Lindstrom, effective December 13, 2016, a vacancy will exist for the position he occupied serving the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District.  
The unexpired term of this seat continues through November 2019. As this appointment will occur in the first half of the term of office and more than 130 days prior to the next general district election, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold the office through November 2017 or until the elected person has been qualified. Thereafter, the person elected shall hold office for the unexpired balance of the term through November 2019.  
Prospective candidates must reside within the boundaries of Ward 1 of the Arcata Fire Protection District (Ward 1 includes properties located north of Hiller and Gwin Road up to and including Woody Road. Please refer to the

map located on [www.arcatafire.org](http://www.arcatafire.org) for specific details). The Board intends to make its appointment no later than Tuesday, January 17, 2017.  
Any person interested in being considered for appointment to this seat on the Board of Directors is asked to submit an application of qualifications. Forms are available at any of the District fire stations or through the District website at [www.arcatafire.org](http://www.arcatafire.org).  
Application deadline is January 12, 2017 at 5 p.m. – postmarks not accepted.  
Questions concerning this appointment should be directed to the Clerk of the Board, at 825-2000. The Board will consider all applicants at the regular public meeting scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., 631 9th Street, Arcata, CA. Dated: December 7, 2016  
By: Becky Schutte, Clerk of the Board 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 23rd day of JANUARY 2017 at 10 a.m. Bud's Mini Storage, 1180 5th St., Arcata (corner of 5th and K).  
#110 Joe Becerra  
#2016 Jamaya Houston 1/11, 1/18

**CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1480**  
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on January 4, 2017, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1480, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Adding Chapter 4 to Title III of the Arcata Municipal Code Regulation of the Sale, Purchase, and Possession of Butane*, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. The motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1480 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Ornelas, Pereira, Pitino, Winkler, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.  
Kara Newman-Ferdolage, Deputy City Clerk, City of Arcata

**Summary of Ordinance No. 1480**  
If adopted, this ordinance will add Chapter 4 to Title III of the Arcata Municipal Code, providing regulations to the sale, purchase, and possession of butane.  
The full text of Ordinance No. 1480 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1480 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on January 18, 2017, and, if adopted at that time, would take effect February 18, 2017. 1/11



**BLM PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING** As part of the new Resource Management Plan, the Bureau of Land Management Redding and Arcata Field Offices are holding public scoping meetings across Northern California, with a local meeting happening at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center **today, Jan. 11** from 5 to 7 p.m. If you enjoy visiting public lands managed by the BLM, such as Ma-le'l Dunes South, at-

tend a scoping meeting and voice your opinion on how these public lands should be managed. [blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/california/northwest-california-integrated-rmp](http://blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/california/northwest-california-integrated-rmp)

**CONSERVATION MEETING** Redwood Region Audubon Society holds its monthly Conservation Meeting **Thursday, Jan. 12** at noon at the Golden Harvest

Restaurant, 1062 G St., Arcata. (707) 445-8311

**THE WONDERS OF ARCTIC SHOREBIRDS** Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society **Friday, Jan. 13** for "The Wonders of Arctic Shorebirds: A Look into Breeding Ecology and Changing Ecosystems," a presentation by Aaron Gottesman, HSU Wildlife graduate student. Alaska is the summer home to millions of breeding shorebirds, and the array of species exhibit incredibly diverse life histories. Despite population declines, the huge numbers of breeding shorebirds in the Arctic coastal plain of Alaska make them ideal subjects for investigating impacts of environmental change. Gottesman will share his experience working in Alaska conducting shorebird biology and climate change research. He will highlight the wonders of shorebird breeding ecology and the potential implications of cli-

mate change to these populations. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. at Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., Arcata. Bring a mug to enjoy shade-grown coffee, and come fragrance-free.

**NORTH COAST WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP** Salmonid Restoration Federation hosts a North Coast Water Conservation workshop in conjunction with Humboldt Steelhead Days **Friday, Jan. 13** from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Fortuna River Lodge. The event will feature leading water conservation speakers and planners presenting on a spectrum of water conservation issues. [calsalmon.org](http://calsalmon.org)

**BIRD THE MARSH** Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Jan. 14**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Cindy Moyer in the park-

ing lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

**TRINIDAD STATE BEACH WORKDAY** Help California State Parks save Trinidad State Beach from being taken over by English ivy at a restoration work day **Saturday, Jan. 14** from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will receive a free day use pass to Patrick's Point State Park. Removing invasive non-native plants is a moderate activity; participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes for walking off trail. Gloves and tools are provided but feel free to bring your own. Work locations are less than half a mile hike from the meeting location. (707) 677-3109, [Michelle.Forys@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Forys@parks.ca.gov)

**DUNE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION** Help restore the dune ecosystem on the Friends of the Dunes property **Saturday, Jan. 14**

from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Volunteers will remove invasive plants to make room for native plant diversity. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided. Bring water and wear work clothes.

**MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Jan. 14** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Leslie Anderson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

**BIRD THE EUREKA WATERFRONT** Accompany Redwood Region Audubon Society **Sunday, Jan. 15** on a field trip to the Eureka Waterfront. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at 9 a.m. at the foot of Del Norte Street, where participants will scope birds from the public dock. Attendees will then drive to the trailhead at Truesdale Street and bird along the trail through the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. (707) 499-1247, [thebook@reninet.com](mailto:thebook@reninet.com)

**KNOW YOUR LICHENS** Join Friends of the Dunes Naturalist Jenny Hanson for an introduction to the diverse lichens of our coastal dunes at the Ma-le'l Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge **Saturday, Jan. 15** from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Bring a hand lens if you have one, and meet at the Ma-le'l Dunes North parking lot off of Young Lane in Manila. Space is limited; RSVP to (707) 444-1397 or [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org).

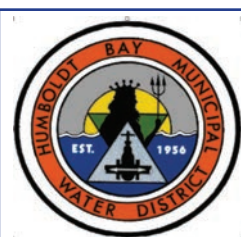
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**8th Grade Parent Nights**  
to explore the enrollment and registration process for the 2017-2018 academic school year.  
*Come and meet our faculty and administration for an interactive and informative evening to learn about all that our District has to offer.*

**Arcata High School**  
1720 M Street, Arcata  
**Thursday, January 26 at 6 p.m.**  
Fine Arts Building (FAB)  
For information call Principal's Secretary  
Michelle Camilli at 825-2403

**McKinleyville High School**  
1300 Murray Avenue, McKinleyville  
**Thursday, February 2 at 6 p.m.**  
Multi Purpose Room (MPR)  
For information call Principal's Secretary  
Mary Dawn Ford at 839-6403

**Six Rivers Charter High School**  
1720 M Street, Arcata  
**Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m.**  
**& Tuesday, January 31 at 6 p.m.**  
Six Rivers Charter High School Classroom 703  
For information call Principal's Secretary  
Darlene Gentle at 825-2428



### Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Electrician and Instrumentation Technician Arcata, CA

Under general supervision performs a wide range of electrical duties from millivolt systems to 12 Kv high voltage distribution power, PLC programing, SCADA system diagnostics and wireless technologies. Performs installations, maintenance, troubleshoot, repair, adjust, program and calibrate a variety of electrical, electronic, and electro-mechanical equipment including high voltage distribution systems, hydroelectric power generation equipment, water pumps, cranes, and telemetry systems; and performs a variety of other related duties as required.

Must possess a valid California driver's license, must acquire Grade 2 Water Distribution and Grade 2 Water Treatment certifications within 2 years of employment date. Requires strong teamwork and interpersonal skills.

May be required to work overtime, weekends and holidays as needed. Salary range \$4,948 - \$6,014, per month, plus benefits, including deferred compensation.

Employment applications available online at [www.hbmwd.com](http://www.hbmwd.com), or the business office at 828 7th Street, Eureka or you may call 707-443-5018 and ask to have one mailed to you.

Please return completed and signed application to HBMWD, PO Box 95, Eureka, CA 95502-0095 or fax to 707-443-5731.

Applications accepted until 5:00 pm, January 18th, 2017

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